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Week of August 29 - September 4, 2005

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Freezing temperatures out west.

Winter wheat seeding in full swing.

Range and pasture conditions remain best since 1999.

Daytime highs were mostly in the 80's to upper 90's, while night time temperatures were mostly in the 30's to low 40's. Temperatures have continued a cooling trend. Some western areas reached freezing temperatures. Very little precipitation fell throughout the state.

As of September 4, 35 percent of the State had adequate topsoil moisture, 5 points below last week. Topsoil moisture supplies were well ahead of the 5-year average of 14 percent. Subsoil moisture was rated adequate in 39 percent of the state, much better than last year's 26 percent and the 5-year average of 14 percent.

SOIL MOISTURE TABLE

	TOPSOIL				SUBSOIL		
	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-yr Avg	This Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	Percent						
Very Short	17	15	26	44	22	38	43
Short	48	45	44	42	39	36	43
Adeq	35	40	30	14	39	26	14
Surp	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

CROP PROGRESS TABLE

ITEM	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Barley Mature	97	92	98	99
Barley Harvested	87	80	88	90
Oats Mature	92	82	89	93
Oats Harvested	82	69	71	77
Winter Wheat Planted	44	14	22	37
Winter Wheat Emerged	3	-	3	6
Corn In Milk	98	92	93	95
Corn Dough	79	62	63	78
Corn Dent	29	13	4	37
Corn Mature	6	0	0	10
Corn Silage	2	0	12	18
Dry Beans Leaves Turn	67	41	58	84
Dry Beans Windrowed	10	0	9	32
Dry Beans Combined	5	0	0	10
Alfalfa Second Cut	82	79	85	89
Alfalfa Third Cut	11	3	6	20
Other Hay Harvested	96	94	94	97

FIELD CROP REPORT: With mild temperatures and no precipitation in most areas, an average of 6.8 days were suitable for field work. Winter wheat planting was 44 percent complete, 22 points ahead of last year and 5 points ahead of the average. Barley and oats harvest continued near average pace. Barley harvest was 87 percent complete, 1 point behind last year and 3 points behind average. Oats harvest was 82 percent complete, ahead of last year by 11 points and ahead of the average by 5 points.

Sugarbeets condition remained strong with 86 percent rated in good condition, up 4 points from last week and 20 points above last year at this time. Corn continued to fare well with 19 percent rated excellent and 62 percent good, compared with only 50 percent good last year. Seventy-nine percent of the corn had reached the dough stage, just ahead of average. Twenty-nine percent of the corn was in the dent stage, 8 points behind average but 25 points ahead of last year. Corn is mature on 6 percent of the acreage. Corn has been harvested for silage on 2 percent of the expected acreage, 10 points behind last year and 16 points behind average. Dry bean condition was down slightly, with 87 percent in good condition but 17 points above last year. Dry bean leaves turned color on 67 percent of the acreage, 9 points ahead of last year but 17 points behind average. Ten percent of the dry beans have been windrowed, slightly ahead of last year. Five percent of the dry beans have been combined, 5 points behind average. The second cutting of alfalfa was 82 percent complete, behind last year by 3 points and 7 points behind the average. The third cutting of alfalfa was 11 percent complete, 5 points ahead of last year but 9 points behind average. All other hay cutting was at 96 percent complete, 2 points ahead of last year but 1 point behind the average.

CROP CONDITION TABLE

ITEM	V POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCEL
	Percent				
Corn	0	0	19	62	19
Sugarbeets	0	0	14	86	0
Dry Beans	0	0	13	87	0

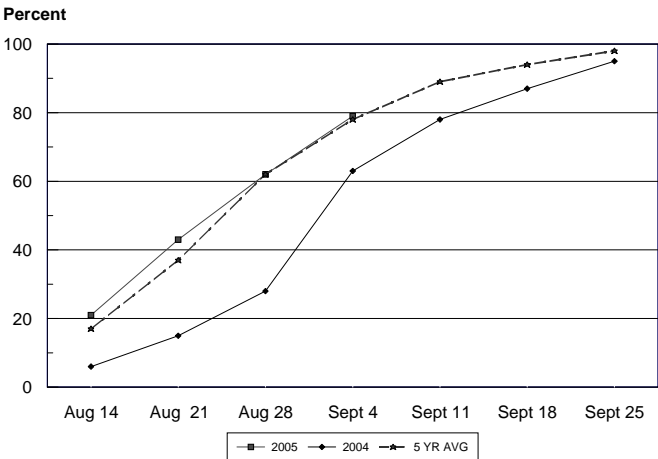
LIVESTOCK, PASTURE, AND RANGE REPORT: Range and pasture lands were rated good or excellent in 47 percent of the state, well ahead of last year's 13 percent and the average of 9 percent. Conditions remained the best since 1999 which was 70 percent good or excellent. Stock water supplies were rated good to excellent in 56 percent of the state, compared to 28 percent last year and 29 percent for the average.

PASTURE AND RANGE FEED

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	Percent			
Very Poor	3	3	40	34
Poor	12	11	26	31
Fair	38	37	21	26
Good	42	44	9	8
Excellent	5	5	4	1

WEATHER SUMMARY: For the week ending Friday, August 26th, temperatures ranged from 3.1 degrees below normal in Worland to 3.9 degrees above normal in Big Piney. The high temperature was 95 in Greybull and Wheatland and the low was 29 in Jackson. Precipitation was below normal for nearly all of the state. Redbird reported the most precipitation with 0.39 inches, followed by Archer with 0.34 inches and Sundance with 0.20 inches.

Corn Dough



TEMPERATURE				PRECIPITATION				
STATION	:	:	:	:	:	:	CUMULATIVE	1/
	:	:	:	:	:	:	-----	
	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	NORM :
	:	:	:	DEP.	AMT.	DEP.	1/05	THRU :
	:	:	:	FROM :	PAST :	FROM :	TO :	CURR :
STATION	MAX	MIN	NORM	WEEK	NORM	DATE	WEEK	NORM

SNAKE DRAINAGE								
Jackson	87	25	-0.7	0.00	-0.33	9.96	11.79	-1.83
Afton	87	29	-2.2	0.05	-0.29	14.01	12.47	1.54
GREEN & BEAR DRAINAGE								
Uinta County AP	86	35	3.1	0.00	-0.24	7.66	7.70	-0.04
Big Piney AP	87	24	1.1	0.00	-0.21	8.32	5.39	2.94
Rock Springs AP	87	36	1.0	0.00	-0.18	6.27	6.57	-0.30
BIG HORN DRAINAGE								
Cody	90	38	3.1	0.00	-0.23	9.11	8.16	0.95
Deaver	95	34	-1.4	0.00	-0.13	6.60	4.38	2.22
Greybull AP	97	36	-1.4	0.00	-0.14	5.12	5.49	-0.37
Powell Field St	90	38	-1.6	0.00	-0.14	7.66	5.70	1.96
Worland FAA AP	96	37	-2.0	0.00	-0.14	5.43	5.83	-0.40
POWDER, LITTLE MO. & TONGUE DRAINAGE								
Kaycee	96	40	0.0	0.00	-0.20	10.70	10.13	0.57
Sheridan WSO AP	98	35	-0.9	0.02	-0.22	13.53	10.66	2.87
BELLE FOURCHE DRAINAGE								
Dillinger	92	37	-1.1	0.00	-0.24	13.89	11.37	2.52
Sundance	93	40	0.9	0.00	-0.32	9.42	14.40	-4.98
CHEYENNE & NIOBRARA DRAINAGE								
Newcastle	93	42	1.0	0.00	-0.33	14.31	12.44	1.87
Redbird	92	36	-1.9	0.00	-0.30	13.28	12.22	1.07
LOWER PLATTE DRAINAGE								
Archer	96	36	0.2	0.01	-0.37	13.81	13.28	0.53
Casper AP	92	34	-1.6	0.00	-0.19	8.27	9.60	-1.33
Cheyenne AP	93	43	1.9	0.00	-0.34	11.93	12.42	-0.49
Chugwater	94	35	-0.6	0.00	-0.33	12.40	12.37	0.03
Douglas AP	98	34	2.0	0.00	-0.25	7.25	9.97	-2.72
Torrington AP	98	41	0.9	0.00	-0.30	12.22	10.93	1.29
Wheatland 4 N	98	38	-0.9	0.00	-0.29	11.66	10.35	1.32
WIND RIVER DRAINAGE								
Lander AP	93	37	2.3	0.00	-0.17	8.70	9.46	-0.76
Riverton AP	92	40	3.6	0.00	-0.15	5.21	6.34	-1.13
UPPER PLATTE DRAINAGE								
Laramie AP	85	33	-0.3	0.00	-0.25	7.66	8.64	-0.98
Rawlins AP	88	30	-0.6	0.00	-0.20	6.43	7.03	-0.60
Saratoga	85	31	-0.8	0.00	-0.20	7.02	7.36	-0.34

AP - AIRPORT. T - TRACE. () - ESTIMATES.

1/LATE REPORTS CAN CHANGE PREVIOUS WEEK'S CUMULATIVE TOTALS.